



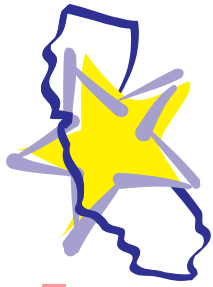
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# **Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program for 2003**

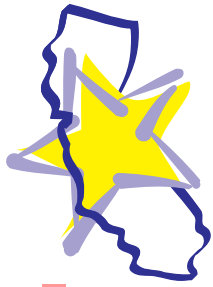


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# **Standardized Testing and Reporting Program STAR**

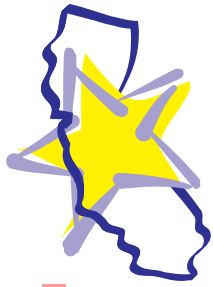
- ◆ Established by Senate Bill 376, Alpert (Chapter 828/1997)
- ◆ Amended by Senate Bill 366, Alpert (Chapter 735/1999)
- ◆ Reauthorized by Senate Bill 233, Alpert (Chapter 722/2001)
- ◆ Requires that all students be tested annually:
  - in grades 2 through 11
  - in English
  - with a designated nationally-normed achievement test and California Standards Tests



# **Standardized Testing and Reporting Program STAR**

## **Subjects to be tested:**

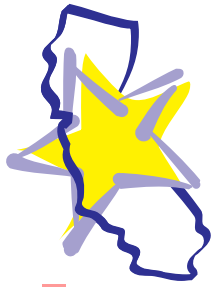
- ◆ reading, writing, and mathematics in grades 2 through 11
- ◆ spelling in grades 2 through 8
- ◆ science in grades 9, 10, and 11
- ◆ history-social science in grades 8, 10, and 11
- ◆ writing task in grades 4 and 7
- ◆ science in grade 5 – field test in 2003 and actual test in 2004



# **STAR**

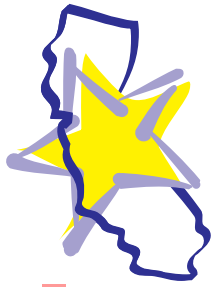
## **Primary Language Testing**

- ◆ Required at grades 2–11 for limited English-proficient (LEP) Spanish-speaking students who have been enrolled in California public schools less than 12 months
- ◆ Is a district option for LEP students who have been enrolled 12 months or more
- ◆ Must use primary language test designated by State Board
- ◆ Must also give designated STAR tests in English to all students in grades 2–11, regardless of language fluency



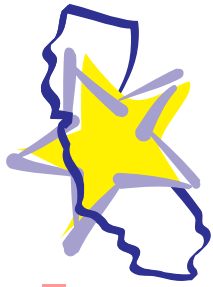
# **STAR Tests To Be Administered**

- ◆ **California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition, Survey (CAT/6) to all students in grades 2–11**
- ◆ **California Standards Tests to all students in grades 2–11**
- ◆ **Spanish Assessment of Basic Education, Second Edition (SABE/2)**
- ◆ **California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) to students with significant disabilities, who are not able to take the CAT/6 or the CSTs**



# **2003 California Standards Tests**

- ◆ **California Standards Tests cover:**
  - language arts and mathematics for grades 2–11
  - history-social science for grades 8, 10, and 11
  - science for grades 5 and 9–11
- ◆ **Test questions are aligned to content standards adopted by State Board of Education**

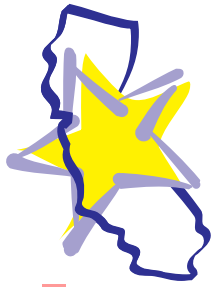


# **2003 California Standards Tests**

## **California Standards Tests tied to grade levels:**

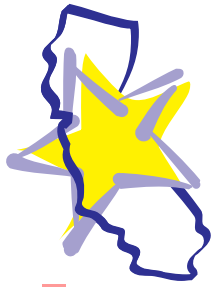
- ◆ **Grades 2–11**      **English-Language Arts  
(reading and writing)**
- ◆ **Grades 2–7**      **Mathematics**
- ◆ **Grades 4 and 7**      **Written Essay**
- ◆ **Grades 8, 10, 11**      **History-Social Science**





# **2003 California Standards Tests**

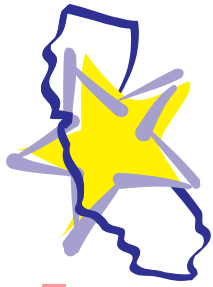
- ◆ In grades 8–11, students will take mathematics tests tied to specific courses.
- ◆ All students in grades 8 and 9 must take one of the CST mathematics tests.
- ◆ In grades 10 and 11 students who are enrolled in or who have completed mathematics courses aligned to state standards should take these exams.



# 2003 California Standards Tests

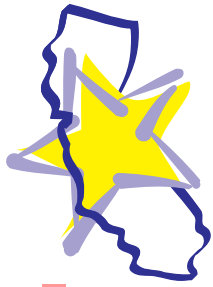
## **Eight math options are offered:**

- ◆ general mathematics (grades 8 and 9 only)
- ◆ traditional sequence
  - algebra I
  - geometry
  - algebra II
- ◆ same math content as traditional, organized differently (integrated sequence)
  - 1st-year integrated
  - 2nd-year integrated
  - 3rd-year integrated
- ◆ high school summative mathematics for students who have completed algebra II, 3rd year integrated or any equivalent course (grades 9–11 only)



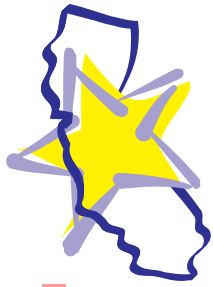
# **2003 California Standards Tests**

- ◆ Science exams in grades 9–11 are tied to specific courses
- ◆ Eight options are offered:
  - earth science
  - biology
  - chemistry
  - physics
  - integrated/coordinated science (four options)
- ◆ Only students in science courses aligned to state standards should take these exams



# **2003 California Standards Tests**

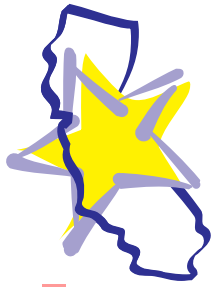
- ◆ **Test options include four integrated/coordinated science tests**
- ◆ **All four tests include biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics**



# **2003 CAT/6**

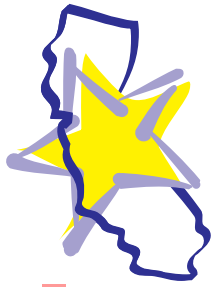
## **The CAT/6 covers:**

- ◆ **Reading, writing (language), and mathematics for grades 2–11**
- ◆ **Spelling for grades 2–8**
- ◆ **Science for grades 9–11**



# STAR 2003

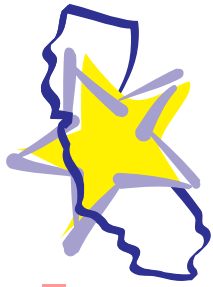
- ◆ The California Standards Tests and the CAT/6 take 7–8 hours to complete
- ◆ The SABE/2 takes about 4 hours to complete
- ◆ Questions are all multiple choice, except the writing tasks in grades 4 and 7



# **Standardized Testing and Reporting Program**

## **What parents can do to help their student:**

- ◆ Have your student get plenty of rest
- ◆ Provide a good breakfast
- ◆ Encourage your student to do his or her best



# **Standardized Testing and Reporting Program**

- ◆ Parents will receive their student's results within 20 working days after the district receives them
- ◆ Group results by grade level for each school, district, county, and the state will be posted on the Internet at [<http://star.cde.ca.gov>](http://star.cde.ca.gov) by August 15, 2003.